Central assistance for Hyderabad by-pass expressway

1822. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought Central assistance for laying 195 Km. long Hyderabad by-pass expressway; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh has been advised that the construction of the by-pass could be taken up on BOT basis with private investment in view of paucity of resources available with the Ministry and taking into account the heavy traffic volume on the proposed by-pass.

National Waterways

1823. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked, actual allocation, year-wise amount disbursed and utilized in each of the National Waterways during the Ninth Plan;

(b) the details of plan and achievement for dredging, navigational aid, port development, survey vessel in each of the waterways since inception against total amount invested each year: and

(c) the number of dredgers used, year-wise vessels and barge moved in each of waterways during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Delayed supply of Bitumen by IOC

1824. SHRI ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether timely non-supply of Bitumen by IOC reported to be a major problem of road development in the NE Region;